

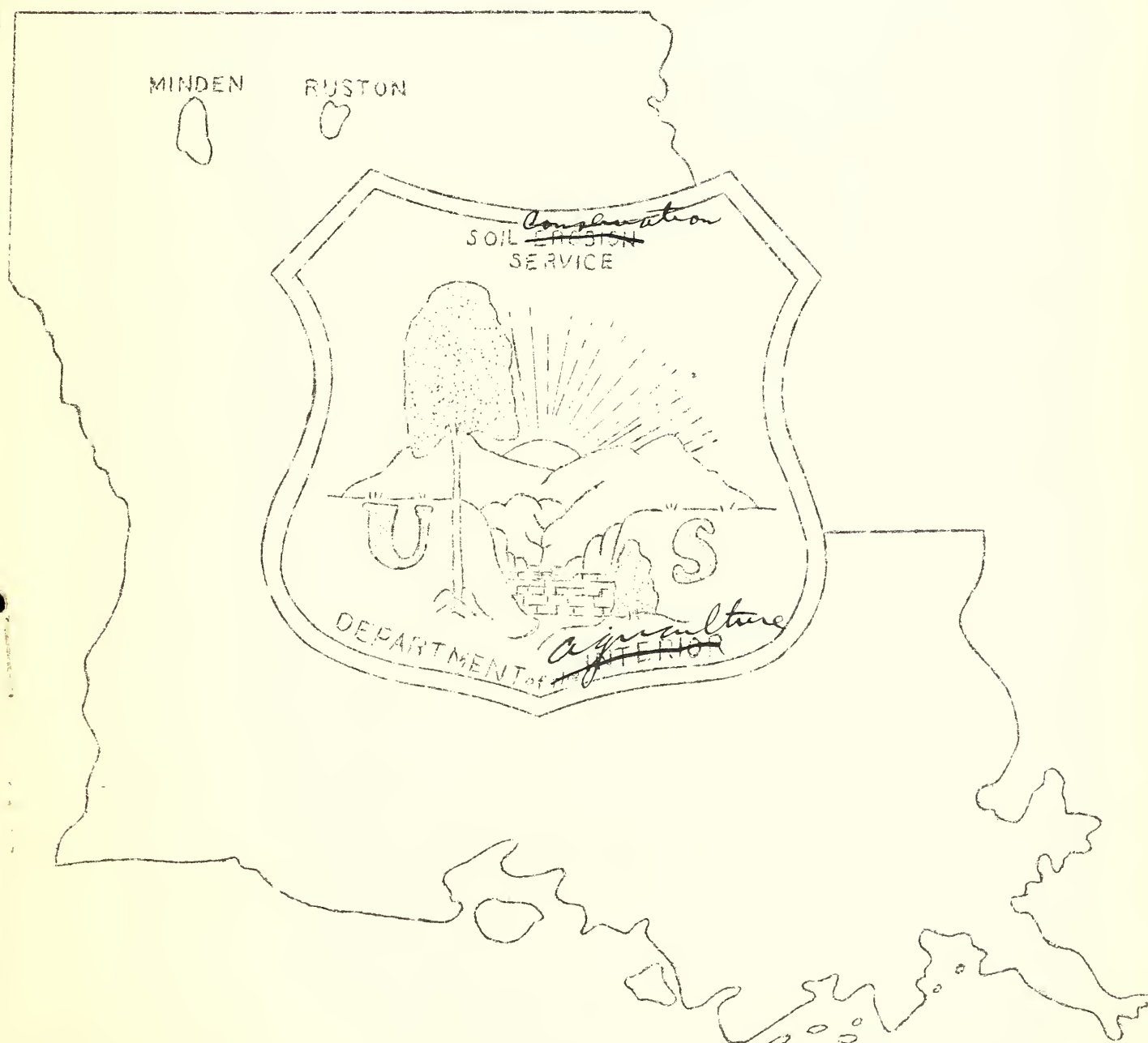
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THE BRUSHY-COOLEY-CYPRESS CREEK

NEWS



PROJECT 15
MINDEN LA

Timely Topics For Co-Operators

By A. C. Morris, Agronomist

THE OAT CROP:

In driving over the Soil Erosion Service Area one of the things which attracts immediate attention is the wonderful crop of oats seen on every cooperators' farm. At the present stage of growth we are practically assured of a good yield. The big problem now is how to harvest this crop? This question would not be difficult to answer if the proper harvesting implements were available in the communities, but unfortunately there are very few such implements. The purpose of this article is to call your attention to this unfortunate circumstance at this early date, so that you may have opportunity to make arrangements for the harvest by time the crop is ready to be taken off.

We know that our cooperators are short of feed and have been buying high-priced feed this spring. This expense can be reduced to a minimum or entirely dispensed with by feeding oats as soon as the dough stage is reached.

To those who are not accustomed to growing oats for feed, it may be well to state that the best time to harvest this crop in order to get the greatest amount of feed, both of grain and straw, is to cut the oats while in the late dough stage, or when you can notice a slight change toward yellowing when looking over the field. At this stage harvest must not be delayed as the complete ripening of the grain will require but a few days, and a delay means the straw will be much less desirable as feed.

HARVESTING FOR SEED:

It is of extreme importance that every cooperator save his seed oats, even though it be necessary to do the threshing by hand.

The oat crop of "Louisiana and Texas Red Rust Proof Oats", which are the principal varieties that can be depended upon to produce successfully in Louisiana, is very short this year. This would indicate that good seed will be high priced this fall. Those

of our Cooperators who are equipped to harvest and thresh their oat crop, will be in a favorable position to sell good seed at a profitable price this fall. There are some harvesting machines in the area and at least one threshing machine, and we hope our Cooperators will make arrangements with the owners to use these machines to the best advantage. Where possible two or more farmers may arrange to purchase a machine cooperatively, and as a last resort we can still harvest at least our seed with a cradle or sickle and thresh by hand.

PREPARE AND PLANT OAT LAND:

When the oat crop has been harvested, the land should be prepared immediately, if possible, for the crop to follow. Address a card to the Soil Erosion Service office at Minden or Ruston, or call on us and our contact man will assist you in getting the seed and fertilizer to be put down following the oats. The contact man is **always** ready to give you whatever assistance he can.

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Minden, Louisiana
April 11, 1935

U. S. Soil Erosion Service
Minden, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

I want to tell you we will cooperate with the Soil Erosion Service as you direct. We all greatly enjoy helping all we can to accomplish great results from the Service work--something we have needed for years, but were unable to obtain because it was beyond our power to build these great terraces and do the other work that is the life of the land, especially in the face of the big down pours of rains that we have.

My sons enjoy cooperating with the Soil Erosion Service. Incidentally, we failed to receive our April issue of the Brushy-Cooley-Cypress Creek News and sure did miss it as we all look for it the first of each month. Hope we get our may copy.

Yours for keeping up the good work.

Mrs. Della Angel

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Mrs. Angel got her copy of "The News". The date of publication was recently changed from the first to fifteenth. This letter is greatly appreciated as it indicates that the lady-folk are as vitally interested in the program of the S. E. S. as are the men.

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SORRY this issue of the News is so small. However, a shipment of paper, long overdue, failed to arrive in time for the Editor to get out the usual big edition.

Did You Know—

By Grady McCallum, Forester in
the Ruston Area

1. That Louisiana received from the Federal Government in 1934, \$145,780 for fire protection of forests?
2. That Louisiana has 19,200,000 acres of forest lands with five and one-half million acres having some sort of fire protection?
3. That 164 million trees were planted in 1934 on State and National forest areas in Louisiana?
4. Henry E. Hardtner, President of Urania Lumber Company, has the only saw mill in Louisiana that is operating on a sustained yield basis, and that there are only six such mills in the United States. Mr. Hardtner is known as the Father of forestry in Louisiana?
5. That litter covered soils in forest areas absorb from 30 to 90 percent more water than barren or burned-over areas?
6. That Louisiana has 1,854,000 acres of tax delinquent land of which 972,000 acres are forest lands or cut over lands? Florida tops the list with about 13 million acres of which 8 millions are forest lands
7. That brown spot needle disease on long leaf pine seedlings is being controlled or checked up to 50% by burning the young seedlings?

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BE CAREFUL OF FOREST FIRES

It is imperative that the citizens of Webster and Lincoln parishes be especially careful in putting out and watching for forest fires this summer.

In addition to the great damage which fires will do to old forests, remember that millions of young trees were planted this winter throughout both parishes. Fire on areas where the young trees are now growing nicely will mean that they will be killed outright and all of the winter's planting work will go for nothing.

HELP TO KEEP DOWN FIRES! PUT FIRES OUT! REPORT THEM AT ONCE! OUR NEW PLANTINGS MUST BE PROTECTED!

Co-Operation

By W. R. Womble, Asst. Engineer

Co-operation is the greatest word in the English Language. Although this is an age-old adage, its meaning is not trite. Aristotle, the great Greek philosopher, has said that man by nature is a social animal. The Apostle Paul in the book of Romans told us that man neither lives to himself nor dies to himself. Thus, through the annals of history, we see this idea of fellowship and co-operation stressed.

The significance of fellowship is felt in every vocation and field of endeavor. It is true in a local, national and international sense. The members of one family must pull together and be a social entity. Those who are associated in one office, factory, school or other institution must work together to achieve the desired results. What would happen if each member of a football team should decide that he would play the game in his own way?

President Woodrow Wilson sensed the need of international co-operation when he urged that the Covenant of the League of Nations be included in the Treaty of Versailles in 1919. Other statesmen have urged association of nations for advancement of civilization.

We live in a day of specialization and of inter-dependence. Each of us depends upon another for something. The more complex society becomes, the more dependent we are upon each other--especially in an economic sense. In a democracy things may be accomplished by individual or by mass action, and there are many times when mass action is necessary for real accomplishment; when each member of society places his efforts along with his fellow members and all work and achieve together.

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THE PROGRAM OF THE SOIL EROSION SERVICE IS STRICTLY A CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM BETWEEN THE FARMERS OF THE AREA AND THE SERVICE. WE BELIEVE THAT CO-OPERATION HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE BARGAIN.

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Sikes, Louisiana
May 11, 1935

Soil Erosion Service
Hinden-Ruston Area
Ruston, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

We wish to extend our thanks to you for the recently conducted tour of the Soil Erosion Service area. This showed to us in another way how the Government is helping the farmer.

We hope the Government will see fit, because of the wonder-

ful work you are doing there, to extend this sort of service to all sections of the country which need it--especially ours.

Yours truly,

J. B. Holton; Vocational
Agriculture Teacher

M. B. Parker, Farmer

G. E. Walker, Farmer

Walter Holley, Farmer

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Give Pastures Attention

TO OUR COOPERATIVES:

The success of our new pastures depends on two things; First, we must keep cattle off and permit clovers to grow and grasses to spread. Second; cut, clip, or while the ground is soft, pull all undesirable weeds out of them, for if these weeds are permitted to seed it will mean where one is this season, there will be many next year.

The success of any new pasture, so far as weeds are concerned, depends on the care that is given it after fertilizer and lime have been applied, seed sown and grass sodded.

No farmer would permit weeds to grow in corn or cotton fields and expect to make a crop. This is true of new pastures.

Should we have a drought later on weeds will take moisture and a certain percent of plant food from the desirable plants, such as clovers, grasses and lespedeza.

Oil up the mower, get out the scythe, grass blade or any other implement or tool that you might have that will get the job done and let's get weeds out of the new pastures.

Respectfully yours,



W. E. Dee,
Chief of Range Management

They Come—They See

Hardly a day passes that individuals and groups do not come from various parts of Louisiana to visit the area of Project 15. It is a pleasure, of course, to have the opportunity of conducting progressive citizens and interested agricultural leaders over the Lincoln and Webster parish areas.

While tours of the area are held almost daily (and therefore cannot be given special notice in the News because of lack of space) we do desire to mention three of the most successful tours held this month in the Ruston area.

One of the best of the smaller tours held to date was that which was conducted for a group of farmers from the Choudrant community. These men came to Ruston with C. L. Mondart, vocational agriculture teacher, and despite a heavy rain the day before, were so interested in going over the work that went right on through the mud.

An all-Lincoln parish tour brought out some 175 farmers living in Lincoln parish. Many farmers, upon whose land the program of work is being carried out, took this opportunity to visit the farms of many of their neighbors.

More than three hundred county agents, Smith-Hughes teachers, state college agricultural instructors and leaders in the agricultural development of Louisiana, attended a field day tour at Ruston on May 10.

The tour covered a good part of the area and afforded the visitors an opportunity of seeing every phase of the erosion control program being put into operation.

This inspection trip was an all-day affair, starting at 10 o'clock in the morning and ending about 4 o'clock. There was a barbecue at noon sponsored by the Soil Erosion Service staff.

Transportation for all field trips is furnished by the Soil Erosion Service. Seats have been constructed for the big trucks, each of which will comfortably transport some twenty-five men. A Department Head usually rides in each truck and points out the work and explains its phases to the visitors.

Special guests on the field day trip May 10 included Hon. Riley J. Wilson, Congressman; Dean J. G. Lee, Jr., of the L. S. U. College of Agriculture, besides numerous outstanding agricultural leaders of the State.

A special tour for the farmers of Webster parish will probably be held at an early date. One tour scheduled was postponed on the occasion of Secty. of Agriculture Wallace's visit to Alexandria, so that as many farmers and staff members as possible could attend.

THANK YOU, JUDGE!

Ruston, Louisiana
May 3, 1935

The Soil Erosion Service
Mr. H. B. Martin, Agronomist
Ruston, Louisiana
Gentlemen:

I wish to express to you my appreciation of the courtesy your Mr. Anthony extended to me on Saturday, April 27, in showing me, in company with many other citizens of this community, a large number of your service projects in Lincoln Parish.

Having been reared upon a North Louisiana hill farm, the type of work you are now doing in this Parish, as I saw it on this trip, was most interesting to me.

I was impressed with a number of things on this trip. The work is so practical and inexpensive to the farmer. You take each farm served as a unit and adapt your Service to the needs of that particular farm. I was surprised to find that there is no expense barrier between the Service and any farm owner who wants it.

I was very much impressed with the scientific, yet simple, system of terracing you employ. Those long, unwashable, hillside (outlet) ditches were a revelation to me. Your method of taking the lands unsuitable for cultivation out of cultivation and planting them to trees, to my mind, has wonderful possibilities. One day those unprofitable hillsides, as farming propositions, will be yielding all the fence posts, wood and timber needed to supply the farm.

If this Service had come into being along with the Parish Farm Agent, as we know and call him, many years ago, I firmly believe we would now have an entirely different farming situation to what we have. I think the service you are rendering fully warrants a continuation and extension by the Government until every farm in the country is served. I firmly believe the work should be made permanent and developed to the fullest extent.

Lastly, I was highly impressed with the courteous and efficient service rendered the large group on that occasion by your personnel. I have never seen a group of men possessing more tact, better personality, and more thorough knowledge of the subject in hand than you gentlemen seem to have. The qualities of leadership so ably displayed by you is one that is very largely responsible for the success of your Service to this community. I am most sincere in this expression. . . . Thank you.

Yours very truly,
E. L. Walker
(District Judge)

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Minden and Ruston, Louisiana

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CAMP MEYER ENROLLMENT INCREASES

The population of Camp Meyer was recently doubled with the arrival of 101 new men at the camp. The E. C. W. boys are doing good work under the direction of the Soil Erosion Service. Some of the best outlet ditches in the area are those constructed by the boys. They are also doing a good job on various types of gully control work.